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SUBJECT: GDR-ITALIAN RELATIONS: MILITARY ATTACHES

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1. WE QUERIED FONOFF ACTING DIRECTOR FOR EAST EUROPEAN
BILATERAL AFFAIRS (SCARPA) ABOUT REPORT (REFTTEL) THAT ITALIAN
EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN HAD RECOMMENDED TO FOREIGN OFFICE
THAT ROME CONSIDER EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES WITH EAST
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GERMANY; SCARPA SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT HAD COME UP

IN DIFFERENT CONTEXT, HE HAD NOT SEEN ANY SUCH RECOMMENDATION FROM ITALIAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN.

2. ACCORDING SCARPA, QUESTION OF EXCHANGE OF MILITARY ATTACHES WAS RAISED INFORMALLY RECENTLY BY EAST GERMAN AMBASSADOR HERE WITH VICE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL MOLAJONI WHO REMAINED NONCOMMITAL. SCARPA SAID THAT FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTORATE, WHERE ANY SUCH DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN, HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY SEIZED OF THE MATTER AND CONSEQUENTLY IT WAS NOT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AS FAR AS HE KNEW. HE WOULD NOT VENTURE TO GUESS HOW POLITICAL DIRECTORATE WOULD LOOK AT THE QUESTION SHOULD IT COME UP FOR FORMAL CONSIDERATION.

3. SCARPA ADDED THAT FRG POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAD RECENTLY COME IN TO DISCUSS RUMORS WEST GERMANS HAD PICKED UP THAT ITALIANS WERE THINKING OF MILITARY ATTACHE EXCHANGE WITH GDR. POINT WHICH SEEMED TO TROUBLE FRG COUNSELOR THE MOST WAS POSSIBILITY THAT ATTACHE LEVEL PROPOSAL BY EAST GERMANS WOULD BE HIGHER THAN LEVEL NORMALLY ESTABLISHED BETWEEN BONN AND OTHER WEST EUROPEAN CAPITALS. VOLPE

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